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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN CLAIMS AGAINST WEST GERMANY

1. ACCORDING FRG EMBASSY BUDAPEST, FONMIN PUJA DURING HIS JUNE 11-13 VISIT TO BONN SOUGHT FRG PAYMENT OF WW II REPARATIONS TO HUNGARY. BUDAPEST HAD EARLIER SENT NOTE REQUESTING ONE BILLION DEUTSCHE MARKS REPARATIONS FOR ROLLING STOCK AND ART WORKS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN TO NAZI GERMANY DURING WW II.

2. DURING JUNE VISIT PUJA ASKED FONMIN GENSCHER FOR REPLY. HE WAS TOLD FRG WOULD ASSIST GOH IN LOCATING AND RETURNING WORKS OF ART BUT WOULD NOT CONSIDER ANY FORM OF REPARATION. PUJA LATER HAD EFFRONTERY TO RAISE ISSUE WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WHO FLATLY REFUSED TO DISCUSS REQUEST, ADDING THAT "SHADOW WOULD BE CAST OVER BILATERAL RELATIONS IF GOH INSISTED ON PURSUING MATTER." FEDERAL CHANCELLOR THEN ASKED IF GOH HAD PRESENTED EAST GERMANS WITH SIMILAR CLAIMS, WHEREUPON PUJA RECITED USUAL PROPAGANDA LINE THAT GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WW II.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FRG WILL REPLY SOON TO GOH NOTE AND WILL SIMPLY OFFER TO SEND TEAM TO HUNGARY TO DISCUSS EVIDENCE. THIS OFFER HAS ALREADY BEEN REJECTED ORALLY BY GOH.

4. COMMENT: FRG EMBASSY HERE FINDS IT MORE THAN SLIGHTLY IRONICAL THAT HUNGARIANS, AN AXIS ALLY LOYAL TO THE THIRD REICH DURING WORLD WAR II, SHOULD BE IMPORTUNING BONN FOR REPARATIONS THIRTY YEARS AFTER THE EVENT. THEY JUDGE "CLAIM" SO WEAK THAT EVEN HUNGARIANS, AFTER HAVING TRIED THEIR LUCK, WILL LET MATTER DROP. WE, FOR OUR PART, BELIEVE THAT IN 1975 HUNGARIANS FEEL SO HARD PRESSED FOR HARD CURRENCY EXCHANGE THAT THEY MAY ESTABLISH A WORLD RECORD FOR STOOPING.
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